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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated June 13, 2006 and concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination dated October 13, 2006. Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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